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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the currently outstanding non-final Official Action in the above-identified case, kindly amend the subject application as follows: